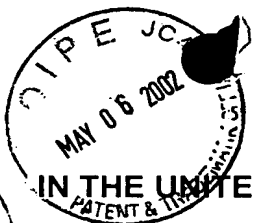


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that
citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of
examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 6,041,704
- AB United States Patent No. 5,953,426
- AC United States Patent No. 5,243,654
- AD United States Patent No. 5,231,668
- AE United States Patent No. 4,995,085
- AF United States Patent No. 4,812,965
- AG United States Patent No. 4,405,829
- AH United States Patent No. 3,962,539
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AT "A Public Key Cryptosystem And A Signature Scheme Based On Discrete Logarithms," El Gamal, IEEE Trans. On Information Theory, Vol. IT-31, No. 4, July 19, 1995, pp. 469-472

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above references was identified and discussed at pages 1-5 of the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

Reference AL corresponds to co-pending United States Application 09/522,619, filed March 10, 2000, currently awaiting examination in Group Art Unit 2768. Reference AM corresponds to co-pending United States Application 09/522,621, filed March 10, 2000 that is currently awaiting examination in Group Art Unit 2768. Reference AN corresponds to co-pending United States Application Serial No. 09/524,118, filed March 13, 2000, which is currently awaiting examination in Group Art Unit 2768. All of these applications are assigned to the same Assignee, Francotyp-Postalia AG & Co. KG, as the present application. Applicant assumes the Examiner has access to these co-pending applications, which can be used as translations of the corresponding European applications, and therefore the Applicant has not burdened the present file with duplicate copies. If the Examiner would nevertheless prefer that copies of these applications be provided, the Examiner is requested to notify the undersigned counsel for the Applicant and copies will be submitted.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.


All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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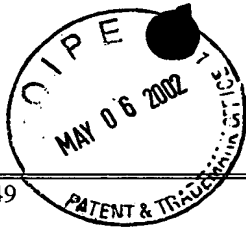

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